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May, 1972

TO: His Worship the Mayor,
Alderman and Councillors
of the BOROUGH OF ARUNDEL.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my Twenty-Third Annual Report on the Health of the Borough and the work of the Public Health Department during the Year 1971.

I wish to express my thanks to Members of the Council for their continued support, and to Mr. H.W. Simmonds, your Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, who has supplied much of the material for the Report.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

V.P. GEOGHEGAN

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

This small country Town on the banks of the River Arun is a shopping centre for the surrounding villages.

The population finds employment in agriculture and its ancillary industries, on the Norfolk Estate and in retail and catering trades encouraged by the increasing number of Summer visitors.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres	2,054
Registrar-General's Estimate of Home Population :	
Mid-Year 1970	3,030
Mid-Year 1971	2,390
Number of Inhabited Dwellings	1,078
Rateable Value (31st December, 1971) ..	£ 127,544
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate ..	£ 1,180

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

ARUNDEL BOROUGH								Birth Rate per 1,000 Population		
Total number (after adjustment for transfers)						Birth Rate per 1,000 population		West Sussex Districts		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate				Rural	Urban	
		M	F	Number	%					
1970	35	13	22	2	5.7	11.6	14.3	17.6	14.5	16.0
1971	34	15	19	5	14.7	14.2	17.5	16.9	14.5	16.0

Stillbirths

ARUNDEL BOROUGH				Rate per 1,000 total (live & still) Births	
Total Number (after adjustment for transfers)				Arundel Borough	England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex			
		M	F		
1970	-	-	-	-	13.0
1971	-	-	-	-	12.0

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

Total (live and still) Births

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1971:				
	Live Births ..	15	19	34
	Still Births ..	-	-	-
		<u>15</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>34</u>

Infant Mortality - Deaths of Infants under 1 year

INFANT DEATHS					RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS			
Year	ARUNDEL BOROUGH				Arundel Borough	West Sussex		England and Wales
	Total	Sex		Illegit- imate		R.D's.	U'D's	
		M	F					
1970	-	-	-	-	-	21.0	19.0	20.0
1971	1	-	1	1	29.	14.0	16.0	18.0

INFANT MORTALITY RATES - ARUNDEL BOROUGH		
Year	Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births
1970	-	-
1971	-	200.

	Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks)		Early Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)		Peri-natal Mortality (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week combined)	
	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970
Total Deaths	1	nil	1	nil	1	nil
Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births	29.	nil	29.	nil	-	-
Mortality Rate per 1000 live & still births					29.	nil

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate for
England and Wales - 12. per 1,000 live births

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

Maternal Deaths (including Abortion)

Arundel Borough		Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total births			
Year	Total Deaths	Arundel Borough	West Sussex		England and Wales
			R.D's.	U.D's.	
1970	-	-	-	-	0.18
1971	-	-	0.4	0.3	0.17

DEATHS

ARUNDEL BOROUGH						WEST SUSSEX DISTRICTS		ENGLAND AND WALES
Total Deaths (after adjustment for transfers)				Death Rates per 1,000 Population		Death Rate per 1000 population		Death Rate per 1000 Population
Year	Total	Sex		Crude	Corr.	Rural	Urban	
		M	F					
1970	50	28	22	16.5	11.6	9.3	10.3	11.7
1971	40	19	21	16.7	11.7	8.6	9.9	11.6

The chief causes of death were :

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
(i) Neoplasms ..	12	11
(ii) Diseases of Heart ..	8	15
(iii) Respiratory diseases ..	9	11
(iv) Cerebrovascular Disease ..	5	8

The above four causes accounted for 34 or 85% of the total deaths recorded during 1971.

Of the total deaths, 31 or 77% occurred in persons aged 65 years or over, 21 or 52% of the total deaths being aged 75 years and over.

The table on page 7 shows the causes of death, ages and sex distribution.

Table of Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life - 1971

Causes of Death	Sex	All Ages	Wks	Y e a r s				
			0-4	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ..	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, etc. ..	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	2	-	-	-	1	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	F	2	-	-	-	1	-	1
Leukaemia ..	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	1	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	3	-	-	1	-	1	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	3	-	-	-	-	1	2
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other Diseases of Circulatory System ..	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia ..	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	2	-	-	-	-	1	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	2	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Peptic Ulcer ..	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis ..	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES ..	M	19	-	-	1	3	4	11
	F	21	1	-	-	4	6	10

SECTION II

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Hospitals: The hospitals providing accommodation and treatment for residents of the Borough and surrounding district are as follows :

Region 8 - South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board:

Hospital	Type	Telephone Number	Beds
(a) Worthing Southlands and District Group:			
WORTHING HOSPITAL, Lyndhurst Road, Worthing	General/ Geriatric	Worthing 37282	197
COURTLANDS RECOVERY HOSPITAL, Goring Road, Worthing	Post Operative	Worthing 43201	52
SOUTHLANDS HOSPITAL, Upper Shoreham Road, Shoreham-by-Sea	General	Shoreham 2381	406
SWANDEAN HOSPITAL, Arundel Road, Durrington	Geriatric	Worthing 64121	129
ARUNDEL HOSPITAL, Chichester Road, Arundel	Medical/ Geriatric	Arundel 882543	18
LITTLEHAMPTON HOSPITAL, Fitzalan Road, Littlehampton	General	L'hampton 7101	27
ZACHARY MERTON MATERNITY HOSPITAL, Glenville Road, Rustington	Maternity	Rustington 4155	62
(b) Chichester and Graylingwell Group:			
ROYAL WEST SUSSEX HOSPITAL: Broyle Road, Chichester	General	Chichester 82685	199
St. Richard's, Spitalfield Lane, Chichester	General/ Maternity	Chichester 88122	488
Isolation, Spitalfield Lane, Chichester	Infectious	Chichester 82126	12
GRAYLINGWELL HOSPITAL, Summersdale, Chichester	Psychiatric	Chichester 85171	860
BOGNOR WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, North Bersted Street, Bognor Regis	General	Bognor Regis 5418	32
BOGNOR REGIS CHEST HOSPITAL, Hawthorn Road, Bognor Regis	Chest	Bognor Regis 23151	49
MIDHURST COTTAGE HOSPITAL, Rotherfield House, Easebourne	General	Midhurst 3105	27

Region 7 - South East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board:

(a) Brighton and Lewes Group (part):			
BRIGHTON GENERAL HOSPITAL, Elm Grove, Brighton	Partly Acute	Brighton 66444	614
ROYAL SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL, Eastern Road, Brighton	Acute and Maternity	Brighton 66611	436

General Provision of Health Services (Contd.)

Laboratory Service. Examinations are carried out for this Authority by the Public Health Laboratory at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

Ambulances. The Local Health Authority (the West Sussex County Council) provide an ambulance service with ambulances operating from Littlehampton. The same Authority provides a hospital car service in the area.

Home Nursing and Midwifery. The West Sussex County Council provides nursing services.

All the nursing staff in the Arundel area are attached to General Practitioners.

Treatment Centres and Clinics:

Held at:

Audiology	- Chichester
Child Health Clinics	- Arundel, Chichester & Littlehampton
School Clinics (Minor Ailments)	- Littlehampton
Eye Clinics	- Arundel, Chichester & Littlehampton
Dental Clinics	- Held in Dental Mobile Unit
Speech Therapy Clinics	- Littlehampton and in Schools
Chest Clinic	- Bognor Regis Chest Hospital
Venereal Diseases Clinics	- Worthing Hospital and Royal West Sussex Hospital, ST. RICHARD'S, Chichester.

SECTION III

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Water Supply

The Borough is within the area supplied by the Worthing Corporation Water Undertaking.

The water supply to Arundel comes from a borehole and well situated off Mill Road near Swanbourne Lake. It is pumped unfiltered to reservoirs in Arundel Park and Herons Wood, and is chlorinated at the Waterworks before distribution.

Every house in the Borough has a piped main water supply.

Drainage and Sewerage

The Council have two sewage disposal works - a small works in Fitzalan Road on the South side of the River Arun, and the main works in Ford Road on the North side. In addition, there are four small works installed by private estate developers which take drainage from 40 houses. The outfalls are to the River Arun necessitating holding tanks as the River is tidal.

There are several other direct outfalls from the soil and surface water sewers to the River apart from the outfalls previously mentioned. Nearly all these outfalls are in the old Town section of the Borough and the majority are penstock controlled, either manually or automatic.

The sewers are only partially separated, thus some rain water is received into the sewerage works, while the remainder runs into separate sewers which discharge to the River Arun.

The main sewage works in Ford Road do no more than act as holding chambers before the untreated sewage is discharged into the River Arun.

During the year works of repair were carried out to the walls of the holding tanks. Approximately 100 yards of 6" soil sewer were laid.

In order to deal with back flooding to dwellings in Fitzalan Road, an electric lift pump with automatic float controls was installed adjacent to the outfall. This enables the sewage to be lifted as required and disposed of at a higher level than the normal discharge. It is, however, evident that the amount of rain water getting into the sewers on this system is a contributing factor to the collection tank being unable to cope with the effluent during very high tides.

Back flooding of the soil and storm water sewers takes place in several parts of the Town. This is mainly due to high tides, which occasionally lock various outfalls and so prevent discharges, and also to faulty penstocks. Two penstocks were renewed during the year and a further three were reconditioned.

Thirty-eight other premises have water carriage sanitation and either drain to cesspools, septic tanks or soakaways. All these premises are situated in positions which make it impossible to connect to a sewer or where main drainage is not available.

Drainage and Sewerage (contd.)

No cesspool emptying is undertaken by the Corporation.

Public Conveniences

The Corporation have two buildings housing public conveniences, one for both sexes on the Town Quay and the other in Mill Road for ladies only.

Both are satisfactorily maintained and all sections have hand-washing facilities provided. Repeated vandalism, however, makes this facility difficult to maintain.

Rivers and Streams

No action was necessary to check pollution of streams in the area.

A varying number of vessels are moored to wharves on the River Arun and are mainly used during the Summer. The demand for moorings continues to increase.

Public Cleansing

The collection of household refuse in the Borough is carried out by the Corporation weekly, four men being fully engaged on this service. Trade refuse is removed by agreement, and the whole service is carried out with a Dennis Paxit II rear loading freighter.

The partial salvaging of waste paper and scrap metals has continued and the following materials were sold during 1971 :

	<u>Kilos</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
Waste Paper	25,390	£ 120.26
Non Ferrous Metals	101	6.00
Ferrous Metals	454	3.25
Textiles	680	8.25
Totals	<u>26,625</u>	<u>£ 137.76</u>

The total amount collected remained high, but the income from sales was considerably lower due to a fall in market prices.

The filling of the lower ravine in Canada Road adjacent to the old tip has continued. A plentiful supply of soil has remained available for this purpose, and following repeated bulldozing, a considerable area has now been roughly levelled. The consideration shown by the Contractors using this Tip has resulted in reasonably clean and tidy conditions being maintained.

Tipping continued satisfactorily at the new quarry at Scotland Barn until March when a severe fire commenced. Efforts to extinguish this fire by the Fire Brigade and by the bulldozing of earth on to the tipping

Public Cleansing (contd.)

area were unsuccessful resulting in the tip becoming unusable until September when, after bulldozing, it was re-opened.

During the period of the fire all refuse was taken to the Littlehampton Urban District Council's tip and the Borough were appreciative of the willing co-operation of their neighbouring local authority. A site for a reserve tip has now been obtained off Henley's Lane which is available in an emergency.

Every effort is made to carry out controlled tipping and one employee is engaged full-time on the tip. To keep under control the potential menace of flies and rats, the tip is sprayed and regularly treated.

Under the Civic Amenities Act 1966, local authorities are responsible for the disposal of old cars, large unwanted furniture, etc. Whilst this service can be chargeable, it does create additional work and such bulky items undoubtedly lessen the life of the tipping area.

The Corporation has continued the scavenging of County roads as well as the emptying of street gullies in the District roads.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

The following information was supplied to the Department of Employment on Form OSR.14, concerning the administration of this Act during the year ended 31st December, 1971 :

Class of Premises	Premises registered during year	TOTAL REGISTERED PREMISES 31.12.71.	No. of persons employed	Premises generally inspected during year
Offices	-	13	80	13
Retail Shops	-	28	101	10
Warehouses	-	1	3	-
Catering Establishments	-	6	60	14
Fuel Storage Depots	-	1	3	1
Totals	-	49	247	38
Total inspections of registered premises	45	Males Females	111 136	

No accidents were reported under the Act

Clean Air Act, 1956 and 1968

No action has been necessary in this direction.

Eradication of Bed Bugs, Fleas, etc.

One house was treated for an infestation of fleas.

Tents, Vans and Sheds

There are no sites licensed under the Public Health or Town Planning Acts in the Borough. Numerous enquiries are received particularly in the Summer months for sites for caravans and campers. Most of them find accommodation in the rural areas to the South of the Borough.

Observation is, however, kept on the occasional caravan camper who is found parked on the roadside verge or some other similar spot.

Swimming Pool

The Corporation have an open air Swimming Pool known as the "Fitzalan Pool" on land presented by the Duke of Norfolk. It was opened in July 1960, and incorporates the main pool, a childrens' paddling pool, cafe and grass sun bathing and picnic areas. Both pools are supplied with mains water which is circulated, filtered, chlorinated and aerated through cascades.

During term time the Pool was used by twelve local schools for instructional and recreational purposes.

Samples of the Pool water were taken for bacteriological examination and were reported as being of the highest standard of purity.

Rats and Mice Destruction

Matters regarding rodent control are dealt with by the Council's part-time Rodent Operator. As a result of independent investigations, block control and complaints received, only a few minor infestations were discovered to need attention.

Council properties are regularly treated as a precautionary measure.

Schools

No alterations were made to the sanitary facilities at either of the two Schools during the year.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

There are no such premises licenced within the Borough.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act 1951

No premises in the district are registered under this Act.

Water Cress

Visits of inspection were made to the watercress beds during the year. No complaints were received.

Factories Act, 1961

Part I

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector):

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspection tations (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
1 Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	4	1	-	-
2 Factories not included in 1 above in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities ..	20	33	1	-
3 Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced (excluding outworkers premises) ..	2	2	-	-
Totals	26	36	1	-

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found:

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of Cases where prosecutions instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	H.M. INSPECTOR		
			Ref.to (4)	Ref. by (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.) ..	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.) ..	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)..	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.):					
(a) Insufficient.. ..	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ..	1	1	-	-	-
Totals	3	3	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act - Home Work - Sections 133 and 134:

No notifications of outworkers were received.

Mortuary

The Corporation own and maintain a mortuary which is situated in Ford Road adjoining the Cemetery. The building is well equipped and is kept in a satisfactory condition.

Petroleum Acts

Seven licences for the storage of petroleum spirit were issued under the Petroleum (Regulations) Acts, 1928 and 1936, as follows :

(a) Garage premises for re-sale ..	3
(b) Commercial and Agricultural consumers (not for re-sale) ..	4

Five visits of inspection were made and no offences were observed.

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Under Public Health and Housing Acts :

Ice Cream Premises	2
Butchers' Shops	3
Other Food Premises	25
Tents, Vans and Sheds	1
Offices and Shops Act	45
Public Conveniences	12
Water Supplies and Appliances	8
Refuse Disposal and Tips	120
Sewage Works and Sewers	50
Building Regulations	548
Dangerous Structures	22
Miscellaneous	144
Re-visits	153
Improvement Grants	27

Other Visits:

Council House Repairs and Maintenance ..	12
Council House Tenancies	14
District Roads	219
Street Lighting	15
Petroleum Regulations	5
Town Planning	23
Allotments	6
Swimming Pool	106
Recreation Grounds	74

Work and Improvements:

Houses treated for vermin..	..	1
Drains re-laid ..	..	1
Drains tested ..	..	22
Drains cleared ..	..	14
New Drains laid ..	..	21
Earth Closets converted ..	..	-
Premises connected to water main ..	..	23
Premises connected to main drainage ..	..	23
Dustbins provided ..	..	30

Summary:

Total Number of Inspections(all purposes) .. 1,759

Notices Served :

(a) Informal ..	..	15
(b) Statutory ..	..	Nil
Complaints received ..	..	22
Nuisances found and abated ..	..	14

Interviews:

Building Regulations ..	..	48
Town Planning ..	..	87
Advertisements ..	..	9
Housing Repairs and Tenancies ..	..	67
Street Lighting ..	..	8
Housing - Improvement Grants ..	..	37
Water Supplies ..	..	11
Refuse Collection and Disposal ..	..	14
District Roads ..	..	19
Sewers and Drains ..	..	21
Miscellaneous ..	..	87
Total		<u>408</u>

SECTION IV

HOUSING

Council Re-housing:

Twenty-seven families were rehoused by the Corporation during the year.

Waiting List:

Only applicants who reside or work in the Borough are now accepted for registration. At the close of the year the Council's list recorded some 91 applicants.

Repairs and Maintenance at Council Houses:

Apart from specialists work, all repairs and maintenance to the Corporation's properties are carried out by direct labour. Each dwelling contributes £17 per annum to the Housing Repairs Fund.

In addition to repairs and maintenance, the Council operates a free issue scheme for decoration materials as they do not undertake the internal decoration of houses.

New Council Houses:

Fourteen one bedroomed Old Peoples' flats were erected and occupied during the year.

Holmes Foundation:

Through funds made available to the Corporation by the Late Mrs. L.Holmes the Corporation erected six old peoples' dwellings in 1964. A further two were erected in 1968.

These eight dwellings are managed by the Corporation.

Almshouses:

Following the modernisation of their pre-war houses, the Council turned their attention to the almshouses under their control. A scheme for the modernisation and improvement of the four single person's dwellings in Mount Pleasant has been approved, and in view of the lack of space available, it has been decided to convert the four bungalows into two dwellings.

Two dwellings have so far been converted into one unit.

Malthouse Cottages - Re-development Scheme:

The tenants of these seven dwellings have now all been rehoused and demolition of the old buildings commenced. Outline planning consent has been obtained to redevelop the site by the erection of ten new dwellings.

Ministerial approval to the ten units as the Council's 1972 building quota has been received and a scheme is now in preparation.

Garages:

The Corporation have 106 garages on their Housing Estates, and have car parking space available on two sites.

Summary of Housing Accommodation
administered by the Corporation

Set out herewith are details of Housing accommodation administered by the Corporation as at 31st December, 1971 :

Council Houses:

Erected pre-war	..	..	74	
Erected post-war	..	..	<u>204</u>	= 278
Holmes Foundation	..	..	8	
Almshouses ..	..	..	5	
Miscellaneous .	..	..	2	= <u>15</u>
			Total	<u>293</u>

Private Housing

The year was again one of good progress towards better housing conditions, and a large number of alterations, repairs and improvements have again taken place to the older houses.

Since 1946, the Corporation have acquired 20 sub-standard houses with the object of demolition. Of these, 19 have been demolished and the other reconditioned, improved and re-let.

The Corporation has endeavoured to continue an effective policy of demolition and closing of houses in such a condition as to be quite unfit for human habitation. During the past 25 years, 58 such houses have been demolished and a further 21 closed. Wherever possible, however, the Council welcome the submission of schemes of improvements and modernisation of such buildings. By this means, 35 demolition or closing orders have been revoked and good houses resulted. In addition, a number of 'borderline' houses have been reconditioned by means of improvement grants.

The Corporation informed the Minister in August 1955, that they proposed to deal with 40 sub-standard houses in the following 5 years. The Minister was further informed in 1960 that the Council intended during the next 5 years to deal with a further 20 such premises. In fact, 69 dwellings have so far been dealt with as follows :

(a) Closing Orders

Orders made	..	..	18
Houses closed	..	..	18
Families rehoused	..	..	15
Orders revoked after reconditioning			13
Undertakings to recondition accepted			3

(b) Demolition Orders

Orders made	..	..	37
Houses demolished	..	..	25
Houses closed	..	..	28
Families rehoused	..	..	25
Orders revoked after reconditioning			22
Undertakings to recondition accepted			19

Private Housing (contd.)

(c) Voluntary Repair and Improvement Schemes

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Improvement Grants

The introduction of improvement grants first commenced under the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, and undoubtedly stimulated interest in the general improvement of older houses. After a period of inactivity, the Housing Act 1969, with its increased financial aid, once again aroused interest in the carrying out of works of improvement. This is evident from the number of enquiries and applications received for grants.

The following is a summary of applications received and dealt with in 1971 :

Grant	Applications Approved	Max. Amount Approved
Discretionary - Private Houses	4	£ 3587
Standard - Private Houses	8	£ 995

Grant	Amount Paid	No. of Premises Improved	Owner Occu- pied	Facilities Provided			
				W.C.	Bath	W.H.B.	Hot Water
DISCRETIONARY Private	£ 698	1	1	1	1	1	1
STANDARD Private	£ 432	6	6	4	2	4	5

The following is a summary of works carried out in the Borough, under improvement grants, from their inception to the 31st December, 1971 :

	<u>Number Approved</u>	<u>Grants Paid</u>
Standard Improvement Grants	110	£ 11,961
Council Houses (Treasury Grants)	53	
Discretionary Grants	25	£ 6,344

A total of 188 houses have therefore been improved by Grants which is approximately 19% of the total dwellings in the Borough. Grants made by the Council have totalled £18,305.

Of the 135 private houses concerned, 91 have been owner/occupied, and 44 rented dwellings. The result of these works has meant, among other things, the installation of :

Improvement Grants (contd.)

Internal Water Closets	101	Baths	105
Wash Hand Basins	166	Hot Water Supplies	176
Food Stores	95		

The Council have not considered it necessary to enforce their powers of compulsory improvements under the Housing Act, 1969.

Rent Act, 1968

No applications were received for certificates of disrepair under the above Act.

New Houses - Private Enterprise

Four houses were completed by private enterprise during the year, and three more were under construction.

Eight more houses were erected and three were under construction, together with roads and services, at the end of the year on a private estate adjoining the borough in the Chichester Rural District.

This makes some 168 houses in the Tortington Parish now linked with the Corporation's sewers and water mains from the Borough.

Housing Act, 1969

Qualification certificates have been issued to the owners of 16 dwellings under the above Act.

HOUSING STATISTICS

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	..	32
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose..	..	50
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses under sub-heading (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	..	27
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose..	..	48
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	.. .. .	.. nil
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceeding sub-headings), found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	..	23

Housing Statistics (contd.)

2. Remedying of Defects during the Year without service of Formal Notice

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in
consequence of informal action taken by the Local Authority 23

3. Remedying of Defects during the Year with service of Formal Notice

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in
consequence of formal action taken by the Local Authority nil

4. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year

(a) Proceedings under the Housing Act, 1957 :

Demolition Orders:

(i) Demolition Orders made	..	..	..	1
(ii) Houses demolished	..	..	..	2
(iii) Undertakings accepted	..	..	..	-
(iv) Houses closed and awaiting demolition	.		..	1
(v) Demolition Orders revoked	.	..	..	-

Closing Orders:

(i) Closing Orders made	..	..	..	nil
(ii) Houses Closed	..	..	..	-
(iii) Closing Orders revoked	..	..	..	-
(iv) Undertakings..	..	..	..	-
(v) Work in progress	..	..	..	-

5. Housing Act, 1957 - Overcrowding (Part IV)

There are no recorded cases of overcrowding in the Borough, no new cases having been brought to light during 1971.

Dangerous Structures - Public Health Act, 1936 - Section 58.

Five Informal Notices regarding repair of dangerous structures were served during 1971. All were complied with.

SECTION V.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

All the farms in the Borough are supplied with mains water, and the position at the end of the Year was as follows :

Number of farms in the Borough ..	..	4
Number of farms actually producing milk ..	..	1
Number of Dairymen (Milk Sellers) ..	..	3

Milk Samples

No samples were submitted for biological examination

Meat and Other Foods

There are no Slaughterhouses in use in the Borough. Periodic inspections of Butchers' Shops and Vehicles have been carried out and the following visits were made during 1971 :

Butchers Shops ..	3
Vehicles ..	2

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

One renewal licence to slaughter animals was granted during 1971. No new licences were issued.

Food Premises

There are 69 food premises in the Borough as follows :

Bakehouses ..	nil
Butchers Shops ..	3
Catering Establishments	18
Confectioners ..	12
Chemists	2
Fishmongers ..	1
Grocers	11
Greengrocers ..	5
Licensed Premises ..	15
Corn Stores ..	1
Fried Fish Shop ..	1

Thirty visits of inspection were made to food premises. Generally, the cafes and food shops maintain a high standard of cleanliness. No infringements of the Food Hygiene Regulations were observed.

Food Condemned at Food Shops

No foodstuffs were found to be unfit for human consumption.

Bakehouses

There are no bakehouses in the Borough. All bread sold is imported from other districts and mainly pre-wrapped.

Ice Cream

Twenty-four premises are registered under the Food and Drugs Act for the sale of ice cream. No ice cream is manufactured in the Borough.

All ice cream is sold wrapped as delivered to the retailers by the manufacturers.

Fried Fish Shop

There is one fish frying establishment in the Borough.

Food Adulteration

The West Sussex County Council is the Authority responsible for the Food adulteration Sections of the Food and Drugs Act, but details are not available for inclusion in this report.

SECTION VI

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES

Fourteen notifications of infectious disease were received - Infective Jaundice (13) and Scarlet Fever (1).

Cancer

Twelve deaths (4 males, 8 females) were attributed to Cancer during the year (11 in 1970)

The Cancer Death Rate for 1971 per thousand of the estimated home population is 5.0 (3.3 in 1970). The corresponding rates for the Administrative County and the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex are 3.1., 3.1., and 3.0 respectively.

Diphtheria

(a) Notifications. No case of diphtheria has been notified in the Borough since 1945.

(b) Immunisation against diphtheria and other diseases is carried out either at the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics, or by the General Practitioners, and set out below are details of injections given to persons aged under 16 years during the year :

<u>Vaccine</u>	<u>Completed Primary Courses</u>	<u>Reinforcing Injections</u>
Diphtheria	34	36
Whooping Cough	31	-
Tetanus	31	40
Poliomyelitis	32	76
Measles	37	-
Rubella	18	-

In July 1971, the Secretary of State accepted the advice of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation that smallpox vaccination need no longer be given to children as a routine, because the risk of serious complications from vaccination now outweighed the risk of the British public being exposed to smallpox. Such vaccination was, therefore, immediately deleted from the County's current immunisation schedule, and no statistics for smallpox vaccinations and re-vaccinations are included for 1971.

Poliomyelitis

No cases were notified in 1971, the last case having occurred in 1955. Vaccination against the disease is available to everyone up to 40 years of age. Application forms are available at the Council Offices; at the County Health Department, Metropolitan House, Northgate, Chichester; and at Health Centres and Welfare Clinics.

Tuberculosis

No notifications of Tuberculosis were received in 1971, nor were any deaths recorded as due to this cause.

Tuberculosis (contd.)

The following table gives details of the number of cases on the Register at the end of 1971 :

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total Cases		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Cases on Register 1.1.71.	2	4	6	2	2	4	4	6	10
Primary Notifications & Transfer Cases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	4	6	2	2	4	4	6	10
Cases removed in 1971	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cases on Register 31.12.71.	2	4	6	2	2	4	4	6	10

Details of Notifications received of
Measles, Scarlet Fever and Whooping Cough since 1962.

Disease	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Measles ..	-	24	57	27	36	-	1	5	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	1	4	-	13	7	4	1
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-

